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## Germany Refuses to Meet Terms Demanded in the American Note

Berlin Refuses to Abandon Submarine Warfare, But is Willing to Make Concessions By Adopting Warfare to Interest of the Neutral Nations--Will Continue Warfare Against Enemy's Trade Upon the Sea--Admits German Submarine Responsible for Attack Upon the Sussex.

Berlin Asks Further Delay in Sussex after until Additional Points Have Been Ascertained in Berlin and Says Germany Will Make Amends if it is Found that German Commander Acted Wrongly in the Sussex Attack--Wilson and Members of Cabinet Now Closely Studying Press Version of the German Note and While Feeling that Reply is Unsatisfactory, Find Some Satisfaction in New Orders Given to German Submarine Commanders--Germany Points out that Germany is Struggling for Her Existence and that Use of the Submarine has Become a Necessity in Her Fight Against England Who is Trying to Starve the Teutons into Submission--Berlin Regrets that United States Failed to Accept German Proposals to Keep Travelers Out of the Danger Zone and Says Disregard of Principles of International Law by England Forced Germany to Adopt the Use of the Submarine--Berlin Expresses Willingness to "Go to Extreme Limits in Making Concessions," Being Guided Not Alone by Friendship but by the Great "Doom" which Threatens the Civilized World Should the War be Prolonged--Note Says Germany Has Twice Signified Willingness to Make Peace on Terms Safeguarding Her Vital Interests, but Proposals Were of No Avail.

Berlin, May 5.—The German reply to the American note on the submarine question was delivered to Ambassador Gerard this morning and was immediately transmitted by the American ambassador to his government.

The note says that Germany is fully alive to the possibility that it was a German submarine which attacked the Sussex, but begs to reserve further communication on this matter until additional points have been ascertained. Should a further investigation show that the submarine commander acted wrongly in assuming that the Sussex was a warship, Germany will "not fail to draw the consequences resulting therefrom."

The note emphatically repudiates the American assertion that the Sussex attack was but one instance of deliberate methods of destruction of vessels of all nationalities and for all destinations.

It reiterates that Germany imposed far-reaching restrictions on the submarine question, conditions which England never shows neutrals. The note says England is trying to starve the civil population of Germany and Germany cannot abandon her submarine warfare against the enemy trade, but has now decided to make further concessions by adapting submarine warfare to the neutrals' interests.

The note says England has flatly refused to grant the American demands relative to international law. The German people are under the impression that the United States while demanding that Germany, who is struggling for her existence, shall restrain the use of the submarine, if friendly relations are to continue, confines itself merely to protests against the illegal acts of Germany's enemies. Germany is willing to observe international law if England does likewise and hopes that the United States will now insist that England observe recognized international procedure. Meanwhile Germany has ordered her naval forces to operate in accordance with the general principle of visit and search both within and without the war zone. Ships will not be sunk without warning and without the saving of human lives unless the ship attempts to escape or offer resistance. Germany does not doubt this will be satisfactory to the United States.

The note says Washington failed to substantiate the charges of indiscriminate submarine usage by not giving concrete facts and points out that errors are likely to occur and did actually occur in some instances in German warfare and asserts that there are unavoidable dangers when neutrals enter the war zone, recalling the fact that Germany frequently pointed out these dangers. The United States unfortunately failed to accept the German proposals to keep travelers out of the danger zone.

The note says that disregard of the principles of international law by England forced Germany to use the submarine. Germany "fails to understand" what it styles the "discrimination" of the United States against Germany and in behalf of England, who is not conducting warfare along international lines. The note says Germany regrets that the "sentiments of humanity which the United States ex-

presses with such fervor to the unhappy victims of submarine warfare are not extended with the same warmth of feeling to the many millions of women and children who according to the avowed intentions of England shall be starved, and who by their suffering shall force the victorious armies of the central powers into ignominious capitulation."

"The German people know," it says, "that the United States has power to confine the war to the armed forces of the belligerent countries in the interest of humanity and maintenance of international law, and the United States could make certain this end by taking a determined stand against England on the uncontrovertible rights to freedom of the seas."

The note says that the German people know to what considerable extent the entente allies are supplied with all kinds of war materials from the United States. In view of these conditions, it must be understood that the German people cannot meet with hearty response the American appeal for humanity. Germany, however, is willing to go to extreme limits in making concessions, guided not alone by friendship but also by the great "doom which threatens the civilized world should the war be prolonged."

Germany twice recently, it says, conscious of her strength, has signified

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WILSON READING IT  
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Washington, May 5.—President Wilson and the cabinet members carefully studied the press dispatch version of the German note today. The first feeling that it was unsatisfactory was somewhat leavened by the new orders given to the submarine commanders. No decision will be attempted until the official text is received from Ambassador Gerard.  
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her willingness to make peace on a basis safe-guarding her vital interests and says she is willing to do her utmost during the rest of the war to confine the operations to fighting the forces of belligerents if the freedom of the seas is assured.

The note concludes that should the steps taken not obtain the objects desired in the interest of humanity, then Germany faces a new situation in which she must reserve to itself complete liberty of act.

### DEMOCRATS REGISTERING VERY SLOWLY

REPUBLICANS AND SOCIALISTS ARE ALL GETTING ON THE ROLLS WHILE THE DOMINANT PARTY SEEMS INDIFFERENT.

The democrats of this city and county are rather slow in getting registered according to reports of registers, and unless they "whip up" the chances are that many will be denied the ballot at the primary and general election this fall.

More democrats are complaining of the difficulty of locating the register in every precinct than others of the two opposing parties, and they are yet wondering if a certain designated place will be set out by the county register where they can go at a certain time and have their names enrolled. If this is not done, prominent democrats over the city and county say that there will be many disfranchised.

There is another theory advanced by a prominent democrat and politician this morning that might be worth watching. He says that old line democrats who have been voting since statehood will probably insist on voting in the coming elections whether they are registered or not. This will lead to contests if they are permitted to do so. Therefore he advocates that the registers make a special effort to get every voter in the precincts to register during the time allotted.

HUNT LEAVES FOR WACO

Will Invite Waterworks Association to Hold Convention Here.  
H. T. Hunt, waterworks commissioner of the city of Ardmore, left here this afternoon to be present at the fifth annual convention of the Southwestern Waterworks association, which convention will be held in Waco, Tex., May 8, 9 and 10. This convention represents Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas and Mr. Hunt will make an effort to bring it to Ardmore for its sixth annual meeting.

### UNION DEPOT TO BE MODERN STRUCTURE

PLANS HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY AGREED UPON AND BUILDING WILL BE ERECTED DURING PRESENT YEAR.

That Ardmore will have a commodious new union depot within the next few months is now practically a certainty. The plans have been drawn and have been under discussion between the Santa Fe and Rock Island companies for agreement. They have practically been agreed to, and unless unforeseen contingencies arise, work will begin within a short time.

The Santa Fe, in addition to the union station, will also erect a freight house of concrete and brick on the site of the one destroyed by the explosion of September 27 last. This will be 300x32 feet and will be modern in every particular.

The site of the new union station will be somewhat north of where the old station stood, and the platforms will extend from Broadway to Main street. The express office will be north of the station, as it was under the old arrangement. Santa Fe officials here say they cannot tell just when work will begin on the depot, but give assurance that when it is finished it will be a structure of which the city can be proud. The local agent stated that he was not prepared to discuss the plans at present, as there might be some minor changes made before work is begun on the building.

### VIOLATION OF 9-HOUR LAW IS REPORTED

ASSISTANT STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER WAS IN THE CITY YESTERDAY INVESTIGATING LOCAL CONDITIONS.

Mike Williams, assistant state labor commissioner, was in the city yesterday investigating conditions with regard to the nine-hour law as applied to female employees. Mr. Williams sent here upon complaint of some one who averred that the law was being violated and asserted that it had been—unintentionally perhaps, but violated nevertheless. A warning was given to discontinue this practice and to observe the letter of the law in the future, or prosecution would follow. Mr. Williams while here was in conference with several ladies of local labor unions and getting their views on local conditions and how the laws governing labor were being enforced. Mr. Williams refused to state where he found the practice of working women over the prescribed hours, but stated that he had no fear but what in the future the law would be observed in every particular.

### WILL CONFER LATE TODAY

FINAL CONFERENCE BETWEEN SCOTT AND OREGON EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON.

### RATIFY AGREEMENT

Final Conference Expected to Ratify Agreement Tentatively Agreed Upon—Oregon May Not be Ready for Conference before Saturday.

El Paso, Texas, May 5.—Scott and Oregon are expected to hold their final conference this afternoon, although it is reported from Juarez that Oregon will probably not be ready until Saturday.

Oregon may bring up the subject of speedy withdrawal of the expedition again, but won't press it, simply emphasizing the danger of irritating the Mexicans.

The meeting will finally ratify the agreement arising out of the chase of the Villistas.

### MASS MEETING ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWD

CITIZENS MEET WITH CITY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WHITE WAY AND THE NEW SANITARY ORDINANCE.

The advertised meeting to discuss the white way and the new health ordinance brought out between forty and fifty people to the assembly room of the chamber of commerce yesterday evening. The absence of anything but a negligible number of business men prompted acting Mayor Lasher, who presided, to leave the discussion of the white way to a future meeting to be arranged by Walter S. Gilbert, secretary of the Business Men's association. Mr. Gilbert informed the mayor that he would bring the matter up at the meeting of the business men on Monday night, and the mayor and commissioners will be present at the meeting.

Mayor Lasher then went into the sanitary ordinance and made a clear-cut statement that the commissioners wanted to know just what the people wanted. He called attention to the fact that Ardmore was no longer a little town, but a city and that it must have laws for the protection of the health of the community. He expressed the belief that every citizen would agree with him and asked that the meeting be in the nature of a conference with that end in view, and not one of knocks and kicks at the administration.

No Service, No Pay.

The speech had its effect if any present had come to criticize, and in the rational discussion which followed it soon developed that the only mistake that had been made had been the attempt to collect for service which had not been rendered. All commissioners, however, assured those present that no fee would be collected except where the service had been rendered, and that in enforcing the ordinance they would not force the service of the city wagons on any individual, but that they would compel every citizen to keep their premises clean and sanitary.

Some complaint of the scale of charge was made, but it was promised and pointed out that the ordinance provided for adjustments to be made. It was also pointed out that the first clean-up would be the heaviest, and that 175 wagon loads of refuse and garbage had already been taken out of the business section.

### WILL ACCEPT ASSURANCES

CABINET MEMBERS INDICATE THAT GERMANY'S ASSURANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### WILL BE NO BREAK

Not Likely to Be Break in Relations With Germany Unless Submarines Again Endanger Lives of American Citizens.

Washington, May 5.—While final decision awaits Germany's official note, some of the cabinet members this afternoon indicated that Germany's assurances will probably be accepted and that relations will not be broken, unless a submarine again endangers American lives.

Bernstorff to Washington.  
New York, May 5.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, left for Washington this afternoon, after receiving the text of the German note. He refused to talk.

Lansing Remains Silent.  
Washington, May 5.—After the cabinet meeting today, Secretary Lansing said he could not discuss the German reply at all at this time, and the other members were silent.

### WOODMEN A REVELATION AT TABERNACLE

AS THEY MARCHED IN SINGING "AT THE CROSS"—EVANGELIST TAKES TEXT FROM JOHN 7:17.

A very large audience greeted the minister last night. It was Woodmen night, and the Woodmen, the Woodmen Circle, and the Woodmen's girls were in line, hundreds strong. It was a revelation of many to see so many members of the order. Led by Mr. Poulter, they sang "At the Cross" with a will.

Tonight is High school night—watch them come.

Dr. Williams preached from the text, "If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself." John 7:17.

"This was Jesus' answer to the doubters and skeptics. If you want to prove a principle, follow it out. Enforce a law, and if a bad law it will soon be changed. It does not take much brains to find fault, but to live the teachings of Christ requires sense and character. Many people are sensible about business, and foolish about religion.

"The hypocrites in the church are the excuses given by many for remaining in sin. These people know one hypocrite and imagine all the church to be of such. Some one has heard of an apparent inconsistency in the bible, and they imagine the entire book composed of inconsistencies. The trouble is not with the great book, but with our method of approaching it. If you want to live a good life, God will help you to do it. Follow the bible and light will come as you need it. God's promises are sure and have never failed. You need not stumble over the hypocrites in the church. They are really not as numerous as you think. A hypocrite is a counterfeit of a genuine Christian. Why not be the genuine, and so live that your eternity will not be spent with the hypocrite? There are but two classes—the regenerate and the unregenerate. The one who says he does not like Christianity really is bad at heart. If we obey we shall know the truth of the bible and the promises of God.